

The background is a watercolor-style illustration. At the top, a sunburst of light rays emanates from a central point, casting a glow over a city skyline. The colors are primarily shades of blue, teal, and purple, with some white highlights. The text 'THE BOOK OF' is in a small, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'Haggai' is written in a large, stylized, white script font with a slight shadow effect.

THE BOOK OF
Haggai

Consider Your Ways

Haggai 1:1-15, Luke 10:41-42, Matthew 6:33-34

Priorities

- The book of Haggai deals with priorities.
- The house of the Lord still lay in ruins because of misplaced priorities in their choices.
- The Israelites dishonored God when they put their selfish desires ahead of the Lord.
- Many people today, in the kingdom of God, are in danger of having God's blessings removed.

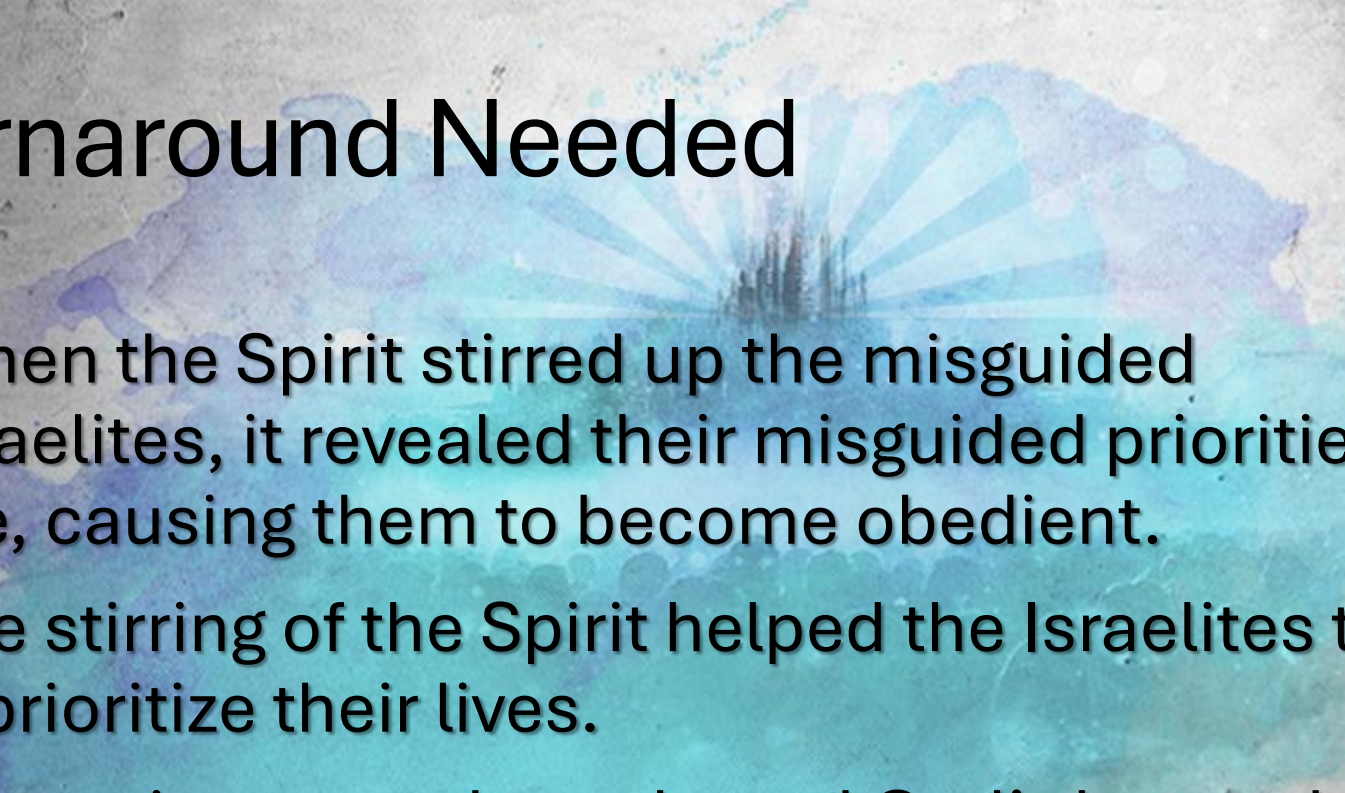
Self-Deception

- The people deceived themselves into thinking that serving God and completing the House of the Lord could come later.
- The time is always right to do the right thing.
- When we focus so much on what is immediately before us, we can fail to see the big picture.
- When deception and misdirection take root in the mind and heart it does not take long for selfishness to move in and take over the priorities of our lives.

Selfishness

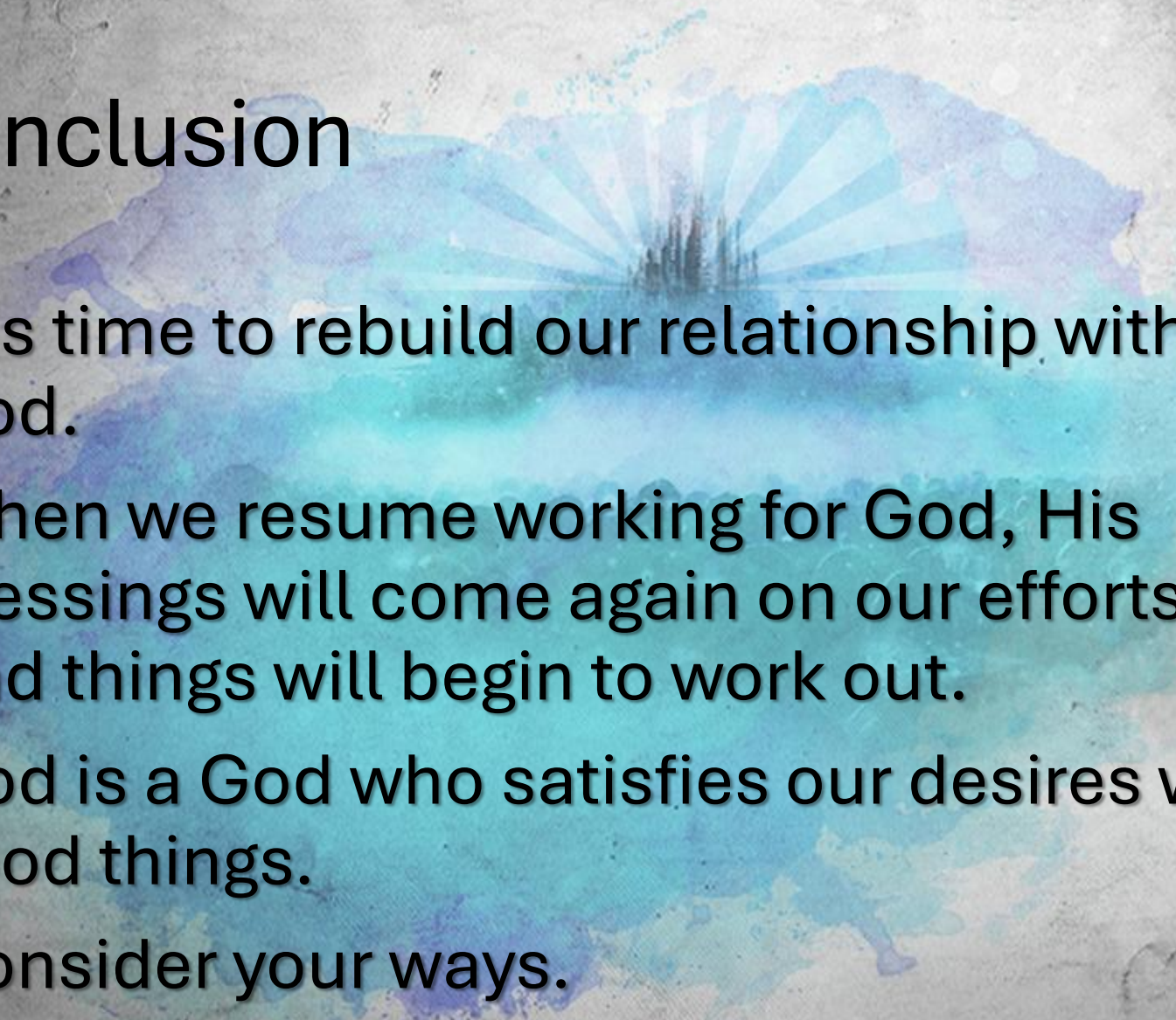
- The people became selfish, convincing themselves that they needed to pursue their own personal goals first.
- The people were actually robbing God to meet their own selfish goals.
- When we dishonor God we lose His help and His blessings.
- God has the ability to withhold His blessings to the disobedient, but He will always send us wake up calls to get us to examine our situation.

Turnaround Needed



- When the Spirit stirred up the misguided Israelites, it revealed their misguided priorities in life, causing them to become obedient.
- The stirring of the Spirit helped the Israelites to reprioritize their lives.
- The nation not only neglected God's house, but they also neglected their relationship with God.
- The more they had, the more miserable they became because the one thing missing was the one thing they needed.

Conclusion



- It is time to rebuild our relationship with God.
- When we resume working for God, His blessings will come again on our efforts, and things will begin to work out.
- God is a God who satisfies our desires with good things.
- Consider your ways.